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LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION SURVEY

NO OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT

On August 19, 2014 a Health recertification survey was concluded at your facility by the Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services (KDADS) to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal participation requirements for nursing homes participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs. This survey found the most serious deficiency in your facility to be a "G" level deficiency, isolated, with actual harm that is not immediate jeopardy.

Based on the deficiencies cited on this survey and your facility's history of non-compliance on the September 16, 2013 Health survey, your facility will not be given the opportunity to correct deficiencies before remedies are imposed.

All references to regulatory requirements contained in this letter are found in Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations.

Enforcement Remedies

Informal dispute resolution for the cited deficiencies will not delay the imposition of the enforcement actions recommended. Based on the deficiencies cited during your survey and in accordance with sections 1819(h) and 1919(h) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations 488.417(b), your facility will be subject to the following remedies:

Denial of payment for new Medicare/Medicaid admissions effective **September 6, 2014**, if substantial compliance is not achieved by that time.

Termination of your provider agreement effective February 19, 2015, if substantial compliance is not achieved by that time.

NOTE: The above remedies are subject to change if substantial compliance is not achieved following subsequent visits per CMS Revisit Policy dated May 3, 2001.

Please note that Federal law, as specified in the Social Security Act 1819(F)(2)(B) and 1919(f)(2)(B) prohibits approval of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs (NATCEP) and nurse aide competency evaluation programs (CEP) offered by or in a facility which has been subject to the following: an extended or partial extended survey; assessment of a Civil Money Penalty of not less than \$5000.00; a Denial of Payment for new Medicare/Medicaid admissions; or termination. If any of these situations occur, **NATCEP** is to be denied and you will be so advised in a separate notification.

If you disagree with this action, you have the right to appeal the actions by requesting a fair hearing in accordance with K.A.R. 30-7-64 et seq. Your written request for a fair hearing should be mailed to or otherwise delivered so that it is received by the **Department of Administration, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1020 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS 66612-1311** within 60 days from the date of this letter. Failure to request or pursue a fair hearing appeal in a timely manner may adversely affect your rights.

Plan of Correction (POC)

At the conclusion of the survey, you were provided a CMS-2567L (Statement of Deficiencies) which listed the deficiencies found at this survey. You should submit your Plan of Correction online at www.kdads.ks.gov. An acceptable Plan of Correction will constitute a credible allegation of compliance. The Plan of Correction must contain the following in order to be acceptable:

1. Address how corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
2. Address how the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice.
3. Address what measures will be put in place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur.
4. Indicate how the facility plans to monitor its performance to make sure that solutions are sustained: (the facility must develop a plan for ensuring that correction is achieved and sustained) and,
5. Include the dates corrective action was completed.

Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR)

In accordance with CFR 488.331, you have one opportunity to question newly identified deficiencies or a different example of a previously cited deficiency through an informal dispute resolution (IDR). You may also contest scope and severity assessments for deficiencies which resulted in a finding of substandard quality of care or immediate jeopardy. To be given such an opportunity, you are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies (or why you are disputing the scope and severity assessments of deficiencies which have been found to constitute substandard quality of care or immediate jeopardy).

Joe Ewert, Commissioner of Survey, Certification and Credentialing Commission
Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services
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KDADS must receive your written request for IDR within 10 calendar days of your receipt of the statement of deficiencies. An incomplete IDR process will not delay the effective date of any enforcement action.

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If you have any questions concerning the instructions contained in this letter, please contact me at (785) 368-7055.

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